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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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SUBJECT: GENERAL MOTORS BUS SALES

1. AS YOU WERE INFORMED BY COMMERCE TRANSMITTAL DATED MARCH 13, 1973, THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED LETTER ON MARCH 12 FROM S. H. A. SHARBATLY, COMPLAINING THAT IT HAD ORDERED 324 GENERAL MOTORS BUSES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PILGRIMS. THE LETTER ASSERTED THAT SUCH BUSES WERE TO BE 1973 MODELS WITH 66 SEAT CAPACITY; BUT THAT THE CHASSES OF THE BUSES DELIVERED DID NOT APPEAR TO BE 1973 MODELS, AND THE BODIES WOULD NOT SEAT 66 PASSENGERS.

2. THE PURCHASE CONTRACT COMPLAINED OF WAS BETWEEN SHARBATLY AND ZAHED TRADING ESTABLISHMENT. NOTWITHSTANDING SHARBATLY'S ASSERTION TO THE CONTRARY, WE ARE INFORMED THAT ZAHID IS INDEPENDENT DEALER, NOT AGENCY OF GENERAL MOTORS. ANY FAILURE OF PERFORMANCE, THEREFORE, IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ZAHID, NOT GENERAL MOTORS.

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3. GENERAL MOTORS REPRESENTATIVES REPORT THAT GENERAL MOTORS HAS AFFIDAVITS FROM APPROPRIATE GENERAL MOTORS OFFICIALS THAT CHASSES AND BODIES SUPPLIED ZAHID ARE 1973 MODELS. IT APPEARS THAT BUSES ORDERED WERE SCHOOL BUSES, WHICH SEAT 66 CHILDREN, BUT MAY OR MAY NOT ACCOMMODATE 66 PILGRIMS WITH GEAR.

4. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AS TO WHETHER ADDITIONAL LETTER TO SHARBATLY IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED. PORTER

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